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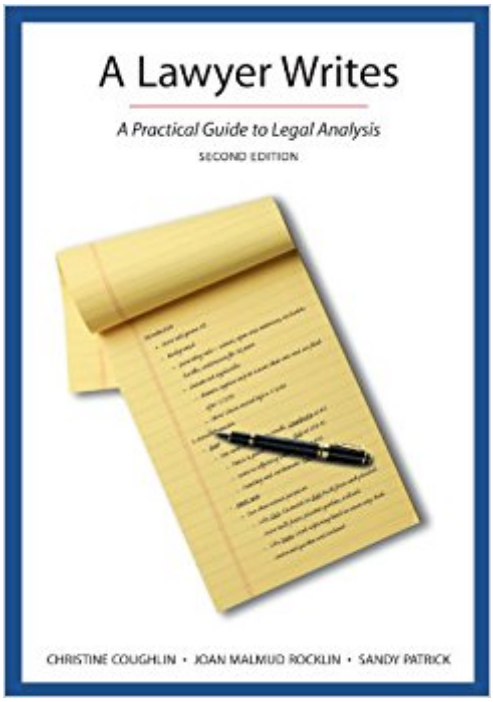

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Didn’t know how to write a memo until I got this book two days before the memo was due. Maybe I still did it wrong but at least I was able to write something thanks to this book. Had My professor assigned it i would have had it from the beginning and done way better. Thank goodness my friend told me that his professor assigned it just in time.

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